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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
PHILIP E. EGGRERS et al.)
Application No.: 09/098,205) Examiner: L. Cohen
Filed: July 27, 1998) Art Unit: 3739
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR)
ELECTROSURGICAL TISSUE)
TREATMENT IN CONDUCTIVE FLUID)
AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 7, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 103-137 and amend claims 90, 102 and 156-158 as follows:

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90. (Thrice Amended) The method of claim 80, wherein the [active] return electrode is located on a distal end of an instrument shaft, further comprising an insulating matrix on the instrument shaft between the return electrode and the [active] terminal electrode, the insulating matrix comprising an inorganic material.